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STORIES OF COLLEGE LIFE

By Janet Dillingham Howard

"Sorrows now or fortune send,
As for me, I have a friend."
Katherine tied the pink chiffon around the roses in a big soft knot, then hurried to her own room to arrange Adaline's violets. She did it all quite cheerfully, so none of the six would have guessed from her manner the pain tugging at her heartstrings. She kissed them all, and gave a few last motherly little touches to their pretty gowns, then leaned for a minute looking into the hall below. "How white Evaline's shoulders were, and how sweet Adaline looked with the violets in her soft hair (the six formed a mutual society). Oh, dear, her silver threaded gauze was so sweet, no one would have guessed she got it at a bargain and made it after study hour, and the scarlet poppies Dick sent her would give it quite an air. It was so kind in Dick to come clear from Boston to take her, of course she could have accepted any of the other invitations, but it was something to have been going with an old grad. instead of a student. There were the boys, how nice they looked in their dress suits, such a buzzing, and how happy they seemed—no one missed her. Well she was glad she hadn't mentioned the exam. to anyone but Adaline. Oh dear, it was childish to cry, and bad for her throat besides. She might as well go back to her room. The Dr. said "it might be the ice pack would restore her voice."

To-morrow was the vocal exam., two weeks before they expected it. This was bad enough but the scholarship was also to be decided then and Katherine's return next year depended on her receiving it. "Why, O why, did she coach for the stupid basket ball game? Now as a result she could scarcely whisper,

much less sing. How her throat burned, the doctor said she must keep quiet and keep her throat packed—the ice in the bowl was melting so fast. She could never learn that score, how disappointed her mother would be. But there would be no money for another year, unless she won the scholarship again. O if only someone would sing it over for her, and the accompaniment was so difficult."

"Well honey girl" (a voice interrupted her broodings) a soft laugh answered her question as to a torn gown.

"No, something more important than that."

Evaline pulled off her long, pink gloves and began to cool a compress in the ice water. "Now let me put this on, you dear old unselfish thing, then you lie here and listen with all your ears."

Over and over again Evaline played the difficult accompaniment with the accuracy and delicacy of touch which gives inspiration to the singer.

When she had finished, one after another of the four girls came to Katherine, some singing, some playing while she lay with closed eyes listening to each note, all helping her with their belief in her success. Just at midnight Adaline came flushed and rosy from her last waltz. "Old sweet, I can't sing and I can't play, but get thee to thy downy couch and listen while I inform you of the principal points in your literature for to-morrow; that will give you more time in the morning."

An hour later, as Katherine floated off to sleep, she whispered a little prayer: "Dear Father, if it be Thy will, help me to succeed to-morrow, if not, and I fail, strengthen me to bear it patiently, but whatever happens make me worthy of my friends. Amen."

Railroad Work for Florida

By W. E. Pabor

It is to the railroads of the country that we owe most of our knowledge of the land we live in, and almost all the leading transportation lines now have a well-organized literary bureau from which emanates reading matter as interesting as many of the current magazines or even of the novels of the present day. On the Pacific Coast the Southern Pacific has its Sunset magazine and its last issue announces that it will spend \$100,000 the coming season in descriptive matter to be distributed over the entire country, giving information about the climate, the soil and the opportunities for homeseekers along the line from San Diego to Portland.

In the Rocky Mountain region the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, now a part of the trans-continental system of George Gould, issues from its passenger department, over which the veteran railroader S. K. Hooper presides, over a dozen profusely illustrated booklets descriptive of the scenic beauties of Colorado and the fertility of its valley lands.

In the North the New York Central has its monthly publication, The Four-Track News, through which it disseminates information regarding the country through which the line passes, which, though long settled up, still has abundance of lands deserted by the younger generation that have grown up on it and sought other fields of action in the South and West.

In the South, the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line are not far behind their older confreres in publishing to the world the opportunities for homeseekers in the Sunny South. Their pamphlets are full of valuable information, illustrated liberally, so that the eye as well as the mind may take in the panorama as well as the possibilities presented.

Recently a special folder for the home-

seeker in Florida has been issued by the Atlantic Coast Line, which, more than the Southern is deeply interested in settling farmers and fruit growers in the districts traversed by it, which may be said to cover the State with the exception of the east coast. It has a permanent agricultural and immigration department located in Jacksonville, presided over by Wilbur McCoy, who is proving a very efficient agent in his line of work. Copies of all the pamphlets issued can be had by readers of THE SUN, resident or non-resident, free by writing him. These pamphlets treat of the cultivation of melons, cantaloupes, oranges, grapefruit, pineapples, pears, peaches, plums, strawberries, potatoes, sugar cane (an industry now receiving special attention), tobacco, and all vegetables cultivated in the Union.

Readers of THE SUN residing in the State desirous of letting their friends in the North and West know of the Sunny Southland, bordered on three sides by ocean and gulf, having room for a million inhabitants and industries to support them, cannot do better than write to Mr. McCoy, giving him the names and addresses of those to whom they would like pamphlets sent. Wider publicity is what Florida needs. We may not have a corporation or even a State department able to spend one hundred thousand dollars in a campaign of enlightenment, as the Southern Pacific Railway is doing, but each in his way can help to bring the truth home to many thousands in other States as to Florida's advantages. To many we are a country full of malaria, swamps, mosquitoes, alligators, and altogether a miserable country. To those who have seen our groves and pineries, our farms and gardens, our palms and our pines, the State is most attractive, and in such Florida has staunch friends to sing her praises.

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